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ALEXANDRIA FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

FROM HOUGHTON

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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN/SOVIET RELATIONS: A FURTHER

SOFTENING OF POSITION

1. TWO RECENT EVENTS SUGGEST THAT GOE HAS DECIDED TO BIDE TIME WITH SOVIETS SOMEWHAT MORE PATIENTLY FOR THE MOMENT. FIRST WAS SADAT'S MAY DAY ADDRESS, DURING WHICH HE STATED THAT EGYPT WOULD NOT ABANDON SOVIETS FOR U.S., AND MADE RELATIVELY MILD CRITICISM OF "POLITICAL ADOLESCENTS" WHO VIEW ASPECTS OF EGYPTIAN/U.S. RELATIONSHIP WITH MORE ALARM THAN ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN SOVIET UNION AND U.S.

2. SECOND INDICATION IS MAY 4 ARTICLE BY AKHBAR AL-YAWM'S QUDDUS, WHO STATES THAT EGYPT WILL FOR INDEFINITE FUTURE
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CONTINUE GAME OF BALANCING U.S. AND SOVIET UNION IN ORDER TO

PRESERVE HER INDEPENDENCE FROM BOTH. IN COURSE OF ARTICLE QUDDUS STATES THAT SUCCESSIVE "CRISES" BETWEEN EGYPT AND SOVIET UNION HAVE BEEN EXAGGERATED, AND MANY HAVE BEEN GIVEN IDEA THAT EGYPT IS IN STATE OF HOSTILITY TO USSR; BUT, HE NOTES, RELATIONSHIP CONTINUES, AND SOVIETS ARE NOW DECLARING THEIR INTEREST IN MAINTAINING TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH EGYPT.

3. COMMENT: OTHER RECENT ARTICLES ABOUT USSR IN CAIRO PRESS HAVE CONTINUED TO CHIDE SOVIETS FOR ARMS SUPPLY POLICY, BUT GENERAL TENOR HAS DROPPED CONSIDERABLY SINCE TIME WHEN, SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, SADAT HAD APPARENTLY LAUNCHED SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO PUT SOVIETS' BACK TO WALL REGARDING ARMS ISSUE. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIAL STATED THAT HE BELIEVED SADAT HAD DECIDED TO BE "MORE POLITE" TO USSR.
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